

PROGRAM TO REDUCE STATE COSTS ON PRIVATE ACTIVITY

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Beneficiaries:	The Eastern Republic of Uruguay	
Requesting and Executing Agency:	Planning and Budget Office (OPP)	
Financing: (In thousands of US\$)	Modality: Non-reimbursable technical cooperation MIF Facility I	
	Local counterpart:	US\$1,300 (55%)
	Total:	US\$1,078 (45%) US\$2,378
Execution timetable:	Execution period:	36 months
	Disbursement period:	42 months
Objectives:	<p>The general objective of this project is to reduce the impact of the central government (CG) on private sector costs, in terms of savings of time and economic resources. The specific objectives are the following: (i) to improve access to CG services and processes by rationalizing key processes and implementing a single window for businesses; (ii) reviewing and changing regulations not based on an appropriate cost/effectiveness ratio; (iii) adapting public prices and rates to their costs; (iv) consolidating the regulatory and institutional framework in terms of regulations, prices and rates; (v) simplifying the processes and requirements to facilitate equal access by the entire private sector to State purchases; (vi) implementing a State procurement information and distribution system that includes private sector participation in its management; and (vii) implementing a pilot electronic commerce system for State purchases.</p>	
Prior conditions:	<p>In addition to fulfilling the standard contractual conditions prior to the first disbursement, the initial program report must be submitted to the Bank's satisfaction. Disbursement of the remainder of the funds under this technical cooperation shall be subject to prior fulfillment of the conditions set forth in paragraph 4.12.</p>	

**Environmental
and social
review:**

The abstract was reviewed and approved by the CESI at its session of June 26, 2001.

**Exceptions to
Bank policy:**

None.